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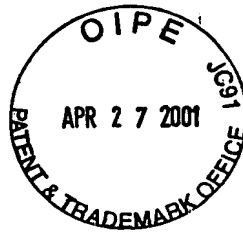
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SIGNALS IN SPECIFIC BINDING ASSAYS**



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Attached is a copy of the Search Report for the parent international application PCT/US99/22584 (WO 00/18962).

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